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**A METHOD FOR CUTTING A
BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE AND A DEVICE
USED THEREFOR**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed June 30, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

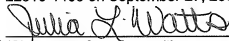
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